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- EP 1091531 corresponds to JP 2000-312349;**
U.S. Patent Publication Application No. 2002/0022990 corresponds to JP 2002-83097; and
JP 2001-290611 corresponds to JP 10-269107.
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Respectfully submitted,

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